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**Subject:** Support for the Rubicon Trail Cleanup and Abatement Order

I am writing to express that I DO NOT SUPPORT the draft Cleanup and Abatement Order issued on January 23, 2009 by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to the El Dorado County Department of Transportation.

Please-rewrite it so that it meaningfully addresses the issues that exist on the ground today, and not the woefully out-of-date conditions described in the Draft CAO.

OHV use on Rubicon is an important part of this historic and cultural significance of the area, and must be allowed to continue. I support continued year-round OHV access to the Rubicon Trail.

Since 2000, every issue brought to the El Dorado County ad hoc Rubicon Oversight Committee has been quickly addressed, and many improvements have been made, are in progress, or are in plan with the Counties, or associated volunteer groups. Let's support this proven venue for addressing Rubicon-related challenges instead of going around it!

No real proof exists that the trail or its use is having significant impacts on the surrounding watershed or water quality. Let's not jump to action without good scientific support -- no science is available to support the supposition that wet season use has greater impact, or that non-street legal vehicles make more impact than street legal vehicles, it is all unsupported supposition, and putting it in code has no promise for changing trail conditions or water quality for the better or for the worse.

Regards,

Geoff Beasley